

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A cold-rolled strip preferably for use in the manufacture of battery shells through deep drawing and/or ironing, comprising: [[,]] at least one side of which the strip is being provided with an electrolytically applied coating, preferably for use in the manufacture of battery shells through deep drawing and/or ironing, wherein the electrolytically applied coating includes at least two layers; namely a hard and brittle bright nickel layer and as well as a cobalt containing layer applied thereon, and
~~characterized in that wherein,~~
the cobalt containing layer is a matte cobalt layer or matte cobalt alloy layer that is deposited from an electrolyte bath without bright forming additives.
2. (currently amended) A cold-rolled strip in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the matte cobalt layer or matte cobalt alloy layer contains electrically conductive particles like, ~~for example,~~ selected from the group of graphite, carbon black, TiN, and/or additives an nickel, iron, tin, indium, palladium, gold and/or bismuth to improve the electrical conductivity of the battery shell formed through deep drawing and/or ironing of the cold-rolled strip.
3. (currently amended) A cold-rolled strip in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 or 2, characterized by~~ claim 1, wherein a steel with carbon content of less than 0.20% and a thickness of up to 1mm ~~as~~ serves as a metallic carrier material for the two layers.

4. (currently amended) A cold-rolled strip in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 through 3, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the metallic carrier material is pre-coated beneath the bright nickel layer on one or both sides.
5. (currently amended) A cold-rolled strip in accordance with claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it is ~~possibly~~ also pre-coated after the application the diffusion annealed nickel layer.
6. (currently amended) A cold-rolled strip in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 through 5, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the thickness of the bright nickel layer amounts to less than 2 μm , ~~preferably less than 1 μm .~~
7. (currently amended) A cold-rolled strip in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 through 6, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the thickness of the ~~matte cobalt and the matte cobalt alloy~~ cobalt containing layer amounts to 0.01 to 0.2 μm , ~~preferably 0.01 to 0.05 μm .~~
8. (currently amended) A method of electrolytically coating a cold-rolled strip with a coating formed from at least two layers, wherein on the cold-rolled strip is initially deposited a layer from a nickel ion and organic additive containing electrolyte bath nickel layer containing a decomposition product of these additives and/or reaction product and afterward is deposited on this nickel layer a ductile cobalt layer or cobalt alloy layer deposited out of an organic bright

additive free, cobalt ion containing electrolyte bath ~~ductile cobalt layer or cobalt alloy layer.~~

9. (currently amended) A method in accordance with claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a flushing step occurs between the deposition of the brittle nickel and the deposition of the ductile cobalt / the ductile cobalt alloy layer.
10. (currently amended) A method in accordance with ~~one of claims 8 or 9,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein the implemented electrolytes organic bright additives for the deposition of the brittle nickel layer, so-called secondary brighteners are added, in particular butindol, with/without addition of so-called primary bright carriers, in particular sodium o-benzosulfamide (saccharin).
11. (currently amended) A method in accordance with ~~one or more of claims 8 through 10,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein the electrolyte used for the deposition of the ductile cobalt / the ductile cobalt alloy contains particles of graphite, carbon black, TiN and/or ions of nickel, iron, tin, palladium, gold and/or bismuth.
12. (currently amended) A method in accordance with ~~one or more of claims 8 through 11,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein the deposition of the brittle nickel layer occurs at a current density between 8 and 16 A/dm², ~~preferably at~~ 16A/dm².

13. (currently amended) A method in accordance with ~~one or more of claims 8 through 12, characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein the deposition of the ductile cobalt layer and the cobalt alloy layer occurs at a current density between 10 and 20 A/dm², ~~preferably at 16 A/dm².~~
14. (currently amended) A method in accordance with ~~one or more of claims 8 through 13, characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein on the cold-rolled strip before the electrolytic deposition of the brittle nickel layer a first, ductile nickel layer is deposited, wherein this deposition ~~preferably~~ occurs electrolytically or through PVD.
15. (currently amended) A method in accordance with ~~one or more of claims 8 through 14, characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein the cold-rolled strip is diffusion annealed and ~~possibly also~~ and/or post rolled after the application of the first, ductile nickel layer.
16. (currently amended) A method in accordance with ~~one or more of claims 8 through 15, characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein the cold-rolled strip is cold rolled in an intermediate step after the application of the first, ductile nickel layer.
17. (currently amended) ~~A battery shell, characterized in that it, through forming, in particular deep drawing and/or ironing, consists of a cold-rolled strip in accordance with one or more of claims 1 through 7, and that it is preferably manufactured according to the method in accordance with one or more of claims~~

~~8 through 16.~~ The cold-rolled strip of claim 1 wherein the strip is made into a battery shell.